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Socialism the Main Issue in Europe

By Rev. Edward Ellis Carr

The one thing that will most impress the student of politics in Europe at the present time is the fact that Socialism has become the main issue in Germany, France, Italy, Austria, Russia, the Scandinavian countries, the Netherlands and England. Not only are the Socialist parties of these countries electing many members to their respective Parliaments, but they are gaining steadily in the number of votes cast for revolutionary socialism. And outside of the Socialist parties proper in every country other parties, as a means of social reform and of offsetting Socialism itself, are advocating measures which tend to force the whole question of Capital and Labor to the front; and in several countries this sort of reform agitation is called Socialism. In France, for instance, the "Socialist" party now in power under Clemenceau is not, strictly speaking, a Socialist party at all, but stands for substantially the same program that Hearst does in America. Nevertheless, as all these parties are compelled to stand for industrial reform, their agitation constantly adds fuel to the fire of Socialism, whose flame now affords the principal light by which all progressive measures are judged.

Progress in Italy

In Italy, though the progress of the Socialist party is comparatively slow on account of the dense ignorance and superstition of the masses, the party is strong enough to elect some thirty members to the National House of Deputies, and the vote steadily increases, giving large influence to the party in the government in general and especially in certain provinces, and causing great concern to both State and Church.

Austria Awaking

The Austrian Socialists have elected more than eighty members of the National Parliament, and so strong is their influence that the reactionaries generally fear a revolution on the death of the present aged monarch.

The Russian Revolution,

so greatly misunderstood in America, is largely the work of Socialists, aided by radical reformers. The history of the Douma carefully considered reveals something of the real strength of the Socialists. In spite of the most unjust election rules which disfranchised millions of them, they were able to control the first and second Doumas, which caused the Czar to dissolve them. The third Douma, chosen by the most outrageous election rules which disfranchised additional millions of people, and after nearly all the Socialist members of the former Doumas had been executed, imprisoned or banished to Siberia for "treason," contains nearly a score of Socialists besides many Constitutional Democrats. If Russia had a fair and universal franchise the Socialists would probably control the country by a large majority. And in spite of the frightful injustice and bloody persecution which the Socialists suffer from the government, their agitation goes on with divine courage unceasingly.

Among those who are laboring for the uplift of Russia, and who have been twice arrested by the Russian government, are our noble American friends, English Walling and his charming wife, Anna Stronsky, whom I had the great pleasure of meeting frequently at Stuttgart, as we stopped at the same hotel. And I have seldom met such delightful people.

Victories in Finland

The Finns, whose country i[illegible] Russia, belong to the Mongoli[illegible] [illegible]ns of the Chinese and Japa[illegible] very peculiar and almost amusing that during the Russo-Japanese war, while the Czar's forces were being defeated in the East and the revolutionists at home were being suppressed with such cruel and murderous tyranny, the Finns at their urgent demand were granted a restoration of their ancient constitutional rights, as if the Czar had learned to respect their Mongolian blood! On regaining their constitutional liberties the Finns at once took front rank among the most progressive nations. They established equal suffrage among men and women, removed unjust restrictions of the ballot, elected about ninety Socialists to Parliament, including a score of women, abolished the triple legislative body, adopting a parliament of only one house, and have lately passed stringent prohibition laws. All this shows genuine reformers have nothing to fear from Socialism.

Naturally the Czar is much incensed at these wholesale reforms and threatens to revoke again the Finnish Constitution. But it is hardly likely that he will dare to do so lest the Finns as one man join the revolution that is shaking Russia to her center.

How to Prevent War

The Scandinavian countries have witnessed notable Socialist victories. In Denmark hundreds of towns have been carried by the Socialists, and the government is coming gradually under their control. Both Norway and Sweden have growing Socialist representation in their parliaments, and the power of the Socialists was strikingly manifested during the recent war excitement over the separation of the two countries. War seemed inevitable, but the Socialists, who dominate the Trades Union movement, called a great convention of the working men of Norway and Sweden, which *unanimously ordered a general strike in both countries to begin on the day that war was declared between them.* When the wheels of industry stop, the wheels of war cannot move. Therefore, in the face of this pending general strike, the governments of Norway and Sweden were compelled to find a peaceable settlement of their difficulties.

The German Movement

The Socialist movement was born in Germany, and in forty years has increased its vote from thirty thousand to three million, two hundred and fifty thousand. And this in spite of the fact that the franchise is limited by property qualifications which disfranchise large numbers of working men. The capital city, Berlin, generally reputed to be the best governed city in the world, is in control of the Socialists by an overwhelming majority, though the tyrannical laws of Prussia prevent them managing the city as they would like. And the Socialists elect six out of seven of the members of the imperial parliament from Berlin. The Legislature of the Kingdom of Bavaria is almost unanimously Socialist and in all parts of the Empire the Socialists are making steady gains. Owing to the fierce opposition to and the general combination of other parties against the Socialists they lost about thirty seats in parliament at the last election, but *increased their vote by upwards of two hundred and forty thousand.*

The German government, one of the most tyrannical in the world, fiercely persecutes the Socialists at every opportunity. Some of our leaders are generally in prison. Dr. Liebknecht [illegible] recently been sentenced to eighteen months [illegible]ement because he ventured to suggest [illegible] if [illegible] to help suppre[illegible] [illegible] the German Socialist[illegible] make a counter demonstration at home. This relentless attitude of the government makes the German Socialists more cautious than their comrades in any other country. Yet they are making steady progress and the time seems near when by an overwhelming majority they will be able to take possession of the powers of government.

The German army is itself permeated with Socialism and many regiments could not be relied upon to fight for the Emperor against the people should he attempt to disregard the vote of the majority. The power of the Socialists in Germany was strikingly manifest in their great peace demonstration at Berlin, which compelled the Emperor to recede from his domineering attitude toward France, submit the questions at issue to arbitration and abide by the decision of the conference at Algeciras.

The Netherlands

In Holland and Belgium the Socialist movement is so strong that if it were not for the property qualifications which disfranchise so many of the poorer people, Socialism would be dominant.

In Belgium the movement has developed not only along political and trades union lines, but along lines of commercial co-operation. At Ghent and Brussels particularly co-operative production and exchange have reached a growth unprecedented elsewhere. Beginning with a small bakery at Ghent the co-operative business has spread until it includes four-fifths of the population of that large city.

The French Movement

is peculiar in its various forms of radicalism from the more conservative yet revolutionary plans of Guesde to the extreme anti-militarism of Herve. But the movement in general rallies about the more progressive and tactful leadership of Jaures, who stands for substantially the same tactics that we do in America. These various factions, however, unite in the general movement. and, being constantly strengthened by recruits from the more radical reform parties, are gradually transforming France.

Switzerland Goes Forward

A volume might be written about progressive legislation in Switzerland, where Socialism makes steady headway. The government is a Republic enjoying direct legislation whereby the people have the decisive voice on all questions of consequence. The railroads are owned by the people and run in their own interests, and many other hopeful features might be named if space permitted. On the whole Switzerland is the most advanced nation in Europe, especially considering her difficulties of mountainous and chilly country.

Socialist Tendencies in Law

All over Europe the force of Socialism is seen in the Socialistic laws which have been passed to offset it. Bismarck was severely criticised by the German aristocrats for bluntly admitting that the best reform measures of his regime, such as public ownership of railroads, old age pensions, compulsory insurance, etc., were passed to prevent the growth of Socialism. And in view of these reform laws he declared ironically that he was "the best Socialist in Germany."

In hundreds of cities in all the most civilized countries of Europe the Socialists have majorities in the municipal councils and have "made good" before the people. They have usually begun with legislation in behalf of the children, taking them from factory, mine, store and sweat-shop and compelling them to go to school, furnishing food and clothes when necessary. They have established free hospitals and free medical attendance for the children, for the aged and for women in childbirth. They have established municipal bak[illegible]eries and restaurants where the poor can [illegible] at cost, and when necessary furnish sup[illegible] In other words, they run the cities [illegible] the peo[illegible] and not in the interest of those who shirk. And by careful enforcement of laws against tax-dodging they have had plenty of money for their beneficent work without increasing the rate of taxation. So great are the manifest benefits to the people at large by the Socialist control of municipalities that where they once obtain a MAJORITY it is impossible to defeat them at subsequent elections.

All over Europe the tide sets steadily and strongly toward the Co-operative Commonwealth, and there is every reason to believe that soon the great change will be accomplished. It is coming, "not by the will of the flesh nor the will of man, but of God." The economic development through the power of machinery is forcing people to see that Socialism is the only path to freedom, plenty and peace.

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The Voice of Hope

BY CAPT. W. E. P. FRENCH

Lift up your hearts, O Comrades, for the Law of Love shall prevail:
In the Might of united Endeavor "there is no such word as fail!"
Lo, our Cohorts grow as the Hours troop fast to the nobler Day,
To the Want-free, joyous Morrow, when the wrong shall pass away
As a Mist in the Wind of Morning, as the darkness flees the Light,
And Mankind shall rejoice in the Splendor of the risen Sun of Right.

We are armed with Sword of Justice, and Flame of the Truth-lit Torch
Shall be Pillar of sacred Fire and the Eyes of Falsehood scorch.
We are fighting Humanity's Battle for Sake of the World-wide Good,
For the rightful Heritage of All and the Glory of Brotherhood;
And, in righteous Cause of our Kindred, the Daughters and Sons of Men,
We shall win, and the Race, To-morrow, shall come to its Own again.

Hearts ached o'er the "Sob in the Darkness" of the Child in the Clutch of Greed,
Tears fell for the murdered Victims of a soulless Mammon's Creed;
But out of the Mine's black Breaker, away from the Mills' cursed Hum,
To Sunshine and School and Playtime the glad young Children come;
And out of the Slum and the Sweat-Shop, out of the Brothel's Shame,
Our Sisters, our Daughters, are coming, back to fair Life and Fame.

Then be of Good Cheer, O Comrades, for the World-Night of Pain and Fear
Is pierced by the Hope-Star of Morning, and the Love-Dawn draweth near.
'T COMETH, THE DAY OF OUR LONGING, THE WHITE DAY OF JUSTICE AND TRUTH,
WHEN THE KINSFOLK, GROWN OLD IN SORROW, SHALL AWAKE TO A NEW-FOUND YOUTH:
ETH, NO POWER SHALL STOP IT, NO FIAT OF -BRED HATE,
LOVE IS THE LAW OF GOD, AND THE WILL

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English Socialists Make Startling Gains

The recent advance of the Socialist movement in England has startled the rulers of the civilized world. The fact has become apparent there, as elsewhere in Europe, that Socialism is the only issue of general interest and vital consequence. Demagogues, grafters and tyrants have been forced to abandon the appearance of indifference toward Socialism as the mere fad of a few harmless fanatics; they have been forced to give up their contemptuous "conspiracy of silence"; they have become thoroughly alarmed at the rapidly rising tide of Socialist sentiment among all classes, especially the wage-earning classes and small farmers, and they now realize that they must openly and strenuously oppose Socialism by every possible means or it will soon overwhelm them utterly.

The movement in England began long ago, begotten of the pity for mankind and the moral enthusiasm of the great Utopians, Morris, Kingsley and others. There was once a growing Christian Socialist movement (based on Utopian theories) with a journal of its own and a considerable literature.

The unhappy industrial conditions of England growing out of landlordism and the factory system so prevalent there, together with the higher ideals and larger political liberty as compared with the Continent, afforded an exceptional opportunity for the development of scientific Socialism. From the intolerant German government the exiled Karl Marx found refuge in London where, in the midst of terrible poverty which actually killed one of his children, he studied economic theories and social conditions and produced the greatest of all Socialist text books, "Capital."

The Advent of Marxian Economics

changed the method of Socialist agitation in all countries; and, while holding to their moral enthusiasm, the Socialists of England began to get their feet on solid scientific ground. Various societies sprung up basing their propaganda on Marxian theories, but the time was not yet ripe and they passed away, yet not without useful service. At last conditions began to shape themselves for the final struggle between capitalism and Socialism and the present powerful Socialist societies arose.

The Social Democratic Federation

led by the veteran H. M. Hyndman, by his enthusiastic followers sometimes called "the Father of English Socialism," has waged an active, strong and growing warfare on capitalism for many years. In some respects the S. D. F. most nearly resembles the American Socialist party, especially in its strict adherence to the propaganda of Marxian economics and its uncompromising independence on the political field. It publishes a vigorous journal at London called "Justice," with a minimum circulation of about twelve thousand and has elected one member to Parliament, besides numerous members to city and town councils and other lesser offices. H. W. Lee is general secretary and manifests great vigor and intelligence in his work. Among the other leading men of the S. D. F. are Will Thorn, M. P., H. Quelch and Dan Irving.

The Fabian Society

a propaganda organization which nominates no candidates, has been doing most effective work for Socialism during many years. It publishes useful tracts on Socialism and requires all its members to declare for collectivism, though it does not require them to vote any particular party ticket. By this liberal method it has been able to penetrate all ranks and parties with its Socialist message, numbering nobles, capitalists and old party members of Parliament among its supporters. Yet it emphasizes strongly the fact that Socialism is necessarily a working-class movement. It publishes at London a monthly bulletin, entitled the "Fabian News," and reports great gains to its membership recently.

The chief members are Sydney Webb, H. G. Wells, Bernard Shaw, S. G. Hobson and the genial secretary, E. R. Pease.

The Independent Labor Party

i he larger and more influential Social zation in England. It publishes e paper, "The Labor Leader," and among its leading men Keir Hardie, Ramsey MacDonald, Philip Snowden, Bruce Glazier and many other prominent people. Secretary Johnson is tireless and efficient.

The I. L. P. is publishing a most excellent series of Socialist books, including "Socialism and Society" by MacDonald, "Studies in Socialism" by Jaures, and "Collectivism and Industrial Evolution" by Vandervelde. It has seven members in Parliament besides scores of members of county, city, town and parish councils and other elective bodies.

Blatchford Helps and Hinders

Robert Blatchford, through his London journal, "The Clarion," which has a circulation of about 60,000, and by his great little book, "Merrie England," of which millions have been sold, and his still better book, "Britain for the British," has done vast service to the cause of English Socialism. But his more recent book, "God and My Neighbor," a blasphemous atheistic work, and various rabid, irrational and untactful atheistic articles in the Clarion have greatly injured the cause. Blatchford's anti-religious tactics are repudiated by all the Socialist parties of England, and I understand that he is not a member of any of them. It is a pity that a man so brilliant and generally lovable, who in spite of his ranting assaults on religion enjoys the respect and affection of some of the best priests and preachers, should so foolishly obstruct the cause which is evidently dear to him. Theological questions are not directly involved in Socialism and should be ignored by Socialists until we enjoy the larger leisure and opportunity of the Co-operative Commonwealth. Just now we need to unite the forces of all who believe in Socialism, without regard to their differences concerning theology, in the great war against capitalism.

The Labor Party

of England includes the Independent Labor Party, the Fabian Society and more than a half million members of Trades Unions. It has elected fifty-three members of Parliament, thirty-two of whom are outspoken Socialists. And recent reports state that the Miners' Federation, numbering hundreds of thousands of men, has decided to join the Labor Party.

Ramsey MacDonald, M. P., is secretary of the Labor Party as well as leader of the I. L. P., and Shackleton and Hardie are among the other chiefs.

The union of the Socialists and Trades Unions into one great political party, able to leap suddenly into Parliament with over fifty members, has naturally alarmed the capitalists and caused the bitterest opposition. And it has instantly made Socialism the one issue of consequence throughout the United Kingdom.

The Fight Against Socialism

Owing to the startling increase in Socialist influence the capitalist papers of London have entered upon a systematic fight against Socialism, devoting several columns every day to this subject. And never did they realize until they began the open fight how formidable the Socialist argument is. They have cried "Atheism and Free-love" with frantic vehemence, but with the exception of the Kirkdale election they have vociferated in vain; because there are too many priests and ministers of various churches in England who are outspoken Socialists for this false cry to be generally effective any longer. And had it not been for the foolish declarations of Robert Blatchford concerning Atheism in connection with the Kirkdale contest the Socialists would doubtless have won there.

How to Defeat Socialism

Not having any arguments of their own against Socialism, the London Dailies appealed to lords, bishops, merchants, politicians and all sorts of people for instruction as to "how best to fight Socialism." To their astonishment some of the lords and bishops replied: *"We do not wish to fight Socialism. It is the only hope of civilization and religion."*

Other replies were quite as interesting and me said, "Give labor a larger share he form of wages." Others de industry and profit-sharin thers advised old age pen sions, public ownership of public utilities, better housing, food and clothes for the poor children of the schools, etc. Every one of the measures suggested as a means of fighting Socialism would be supported by all the Socialist members of Parliament!

It is a splendid testimony to the justice and wisdom of Socialism that its enemies must recommend *socialistic* laws, as Bismarck did, as the only sane method of checking it. And the success of Bismarck in Germany, where Socialism polls its largest vote, was not such as to greatly encourage its foes.

Send Laborers to Parliament

Perhaps the most astonishing proposal as a means of checking socialism, made by a working man and now being advocated by the London Standard, Times and other capitalist organs, is to elect conservative wage-earners to Parliament on the Tory and Liberal tickets! Certainly the Socialists would be willing for that.

The fact is there is no rational argument against Socialism; and when we get the majority of the people of any country fairly to understand what it really is we shall gain control of that country.

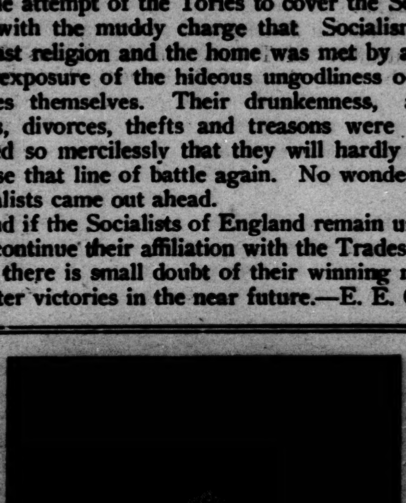
The Standard admits that more than a third of the population of England is in constant want for the necessifies of life. A similar condition will exist as long as capitalism lasts. Therefore, in the face of such conditions, involving more or less of the population of every country, there is no way to fight Socialism successfully. It is sure to win.

Recent Victories

The capitalist papers of America have "got the habit" of making false reports concerning the Socialist victories of Europe, hoping thus to keep down interest in the subject here. And of course they deceive many. For instance, they reported that in the recent municipal elections in England the Socialists were routed, whereas the Socialists made a net gain of four seats and came very near electing many more, greatly increasing their vote.

The attempt of the Tories to cover the Socialists with the muddy charge that Socialism is against religion and the home was met by a terrific exposure of the hideous ungodliness of the Tories themselves. Their drunkenness, adulteries, divorces, thefts and treasons were discussed so mercilessly that they will hardly dare choose that line of battle again. No wonder the Socialists came out ahead.

And if the Socialists of England remain united and continue their affiliation with the Trades Unions, there is small doubt of their winning much greater victories in the near future.—E. E. C.



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Join In, Comrade

The success of the Christian Socialist depends upon its readers. Comrade, are you doing your part to make it win? Fall into line [illegible] some new subscribers to-day.

Send in for bundle orde[illegible] ten cents.

Christianity and Socialism in Europe

It would require a volume to tell all that I saw and heard in Europe calculated to encourage those who believe in Christianity and Socialism. My trip was decided upon so suddenly by the Comrades that there was no time to prepare the way for such work in Europe as I might have done if the mission had been decided upon sooner, letters had been written in advance to the European comrades and our plans carefully laid. As it was much more good was accomplished than could have reasonably been expected in the circumstances and our hearts are thrilled and inspired by the prospects before the Christian Socialist Fellowship of Europe.

At the International Congress

There was but little opportunity to advance the cause of Christian Socialism in the Congress proper for three reasons. First, no resolution is permitted to come before the Congress which has not been previously endorsed by a National Section, and the time was too short to attend to that matter. Second, there is very little time used by the sessions of the Congress itself, nearly all the discussions, etc., being carried on in the various large Committees which do the work. Third, I found that the attitude of the Congress was already neutral on the subject of religion, which is all the Christian Socialists demand. The attitude of the party in England, Germany and the Scandinavian countries, and the general necessity for the Socialists using common sense tactics in political work throughout Europe, have resulted in their taking a neutral stand on religion in most countries. In France and Italy perhaps there is less of this intelligence used, though the situation in this regard grows better even there.

But I had opportunity to talk with scores of the delegates from various countries concerning Christianity and Socialism, and generally they were ready to admit the tactical advantage of our plan, and many of them were heartily in favor of it, particularly the English delegates. From them I received many names of people with whom I at once entered into correspondence with most gratifying results.

In the Committee on Militarism, which I had the privilege of serving on, which included the leading men of all countries, such as Bebel of Germany, Vandervelde of Belgium, Jaures of France, Ferri of Italy, etc., I made a speech on the subject at hand from the truly Christian and Socialist view-point in the course of which I explained the relation between the Christian Socialists of America and the Socialist Party, stating that I was a delegate both from the Party and the Fellowship, and that so far as I know all the members of the Fellowship vote the Socialist ticket, though we do not constitutionally require them to do so.

The effect of my speech, together with that of Russell Smart of England, was the elimination from the Committee's report of the clause demanding the general armament of the people. As there was no English translation of the resolution finally brought in by our sub-committee, we were assured that the resolution conformed to our demands. But we refused to vote on the resolutions as submitted, because of not having the English translation, and served notice that if the resolution did not eliminate the objectionable clause we would present a minority report and open the whole question cn the floor of the Congress.

When I saw the English translation it was at once apparent that the objectionable clause was still there, and in hot indignation I went to Vandervelde, the chairman of the sub-committee, and called his attention to it, demanding its revisal. He declared the English was a mis-translation, and that the French, which was the original did not contain the clause; which, though one does not read French, he can easily see. Therefore Vandervelde went with me to the International Bureau, which was then in session, and after considerable excitement the matter was adjusted to [illegible]ire satisfaction.

[illegible] above will be especially interestin[illegible] [illegible]ho have read the report of the Co[illegible] [illegible]rnational Socialist Review, [illegible] strangely states that the American delegates on the Military Committee were mere spectators!

A Delightful Digression

Owing to Comrade Weeks not being in France as we supposed, I was compelled to wait nearly a month for certain important names and addresses which he knew and also for replies from my correspondents in England, therefore I seized the opportunity to realize one of the greatest desires of my life and sped with all haste to Italy, where I enjoyed almost a month, which has enriched my heart and mind beyond calculation.

No opportunity was afforded to accomplish anything for our cause in Italy, for the reason that ministers and others I wished to see were absent on their summer vacations. But I learned from comrades in France that there is good hope of organizing our Fellowship in the land of art and sunshine.

Good Work in Switzerland

For two years I have known something of the good work of Herman Kutter and Paul Pflueger, distinguished pastors of the Reformed Church at Zurich. And it was an exceptional delight for me to visit them.

Pastor Pflueger is an out and out Socialist, a member of the party and an active worker for the cause. He has done splendid service to Socialism and religion by the publication of various tracts and pamphlets, such as "The Church and the Proletariat" and "Socialism and the Church Fathers," which have had large circulation. He also conducts a reading-room and library at Zurich, where all the principal literature of Socialism in the German tongue may be obtained.

For a year or more Pastor Pflueger has read our American Christian Socialist, understands and approves the Christian Socialist Fellowship, and has committed himself to the same movement in Switzerland. He is a matter-of-fact, practical, able and vigorous man and will doubtless have tremendous influence for the cause.

Pastor Kutter is one of the most able and magnetic preachers in Switzerland, having a large audience. He has thrown himself into the Socialist movement by means of three notable books, chief of which, "They Must: or God and the Social Democracy," will be printed in its most essential parts in the Christian Socialist soon. It teaches in the most striking manner that the Social Democratic movement, in spite of the atheism of many of its leaders, is the special work of God. Over 7,000 copies of this book have been sold to ministers and Socialists, and Herr Bebel and other leading German Socialists speak with hearty approval of this work and warmly welcome the moral enthusiasm of Christian men to the Socialist movement.

Another striking book by Kutter is entitled "We Pastors," and calls the ministers as with the voice of God to the preaching of Socialism. Another is called "Righteousness," or "Justice: An Old Word for Modern Christianity," in which he shows that it is the will of God for Christian people to support Socialism.

Pastor Kutter is a man of deep spirituality and intense thoughtfulness. To him God is all in all, and while he has read and approves scientific Socialism properly speaking, he regards Socialism as one of the essential movements of God's Kingdom. He has also had the Christian Socialist for many months, understands the Christian Socialist Fellowship, and is committed to its advancement.

These two men have great influence and with several other ministers and many Christian laymen in sympathy with them, what a vast opportunity lies at their door!

Within one or two day's mail from Zurich in German Switzerland, German Austria and the German Empire there are over 100,000,000 people speaking the German tongue, at least 25,000,000 of whom are Socialists polling nearly five million Socialist votes! With a Christian Socialist paper in the German tongue, what a stupendous work might be done!

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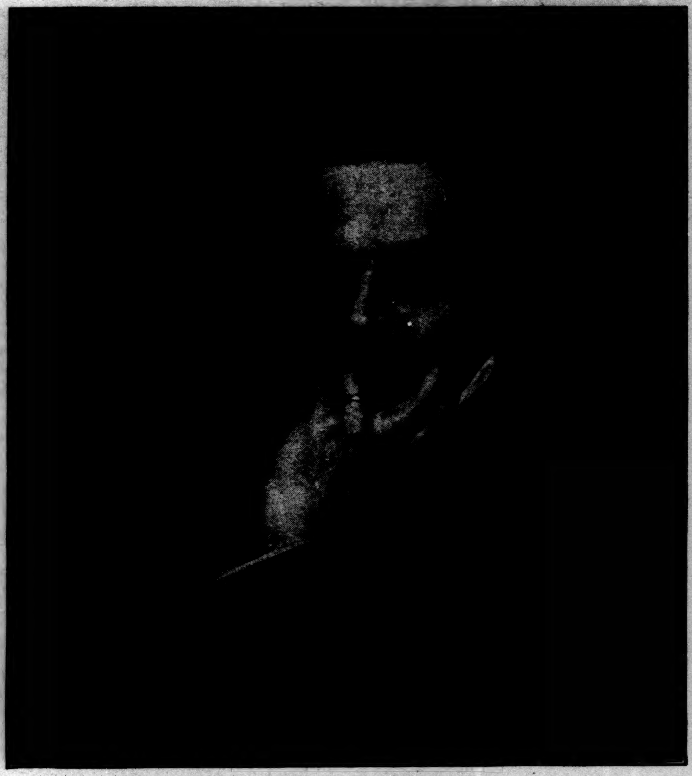

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opportunity to circulate such a paper whose success therefore with proper management would be immediate and large.

The plans of the Fellowship and the paper were talked over by us, and I have no doubt that the work will be ably pushed at Zurich.

At Basle a Christian Socialist paper called "The New Way" has just been started, not clearly revolutionary; but as some of its chief supporters are Socialists, we may expect it to grow more and more revolutionary.

The Fellowship in France

Owing to the peculiar religious conditions in France, Christian Socialism has not made great headway. With their usual tendency to go to extremes, the French people who break away from Catholicism go into atheism, and the French Socialist movement has been generally anti-religious. Nevertheless wise and earnest prophets have arisen to declare Socialism in the name of Christ. Among them Paul Passy, Professor of Phonetics in the University of Paris, Wilfred Monod, pastor of the largest Presbyterian church in France at Paris, and others.

Prof. Passy is also a preacher of the Baptist church, and an evangelical missionary in general, going out to neighboring cities frequently to preach his message of Christianity and Socialism. He also edits a paper, "The Alarm Bell," which is devoted to religion and Socialism, and will from now on be especially devoted to the advancement of the Christian Socialist Fellowship, he having committed himself frankly and fully to this movement.

Rev. Monod has exerted large and beneficent influence in behalf of social regeneration not only in his own church but through an illuminating periodical which he publishes devoted to evangelical Christianity and Socialism, "The Avant Garde." He impressed me as one of the most deeply spiritual men I ever met, and I can never forget our interview at Paris, especially the season of prayer we enjoyed together. Surely God was with us and bound our hearts together for co-operation in this world-wide work.

Rev. Monod and Prof. Passy have both been reading the CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST for a good while, have had our Christian Socialist Fellowship circular fully explaining the work, and they both pledged me positively to push this work in France and among the French speaking peoples of Belgium, Switzerland and Italy.

Denmark and Poland

Comrades in Europe state that in Poland the majority of the common priests who are in close [illegible] with the people are active Socialists, and [illegible] Scandinavian countries many Christians [illegible]ted in our cause.

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of ministers held to discuss social questions, Pastors Bentzon, Holek, Birke, Kabell and Bock declared themselves Socialists and made ringing speeches in behalf of Social Democracy.

Christian Socialism in England

There are so many good things to say about the Christian Socialist movement in England that space will not permit half. Being delayed both in Switzerland and France on account of my determination to see the men above mentioned, I could not state the time of my arrival in England soon enough to arrange for lecture dates, but a number of applications for lectures reached me which I was unable to fill on account of coming home so soon. The work was opening so grandly there that I really ought to have stayed another month.

Among the forces for Christian Socialism in England is our aged friend Richard Heath, author of the "Captive City of God," which has done great good both in England and America. A delightful visit with him and his talented daughter in their cosy cottage hiding under the hills beyond Limpsfield, Surrey, left a memory long to be cherished. He is working on another book soon to be published called "The Lamb Slain from the Foundation of the World," which will show the endless sacrifice of Jesus and those like him for the establishment of justice and love on earth.

One of the rare privileges I enjoyed was a visit with Rev. Vernon Herford, at the classic university city of Oxford, who with his charming wife royally entertained me. inviting friends to meet me at luncheon and at dinner. He is a bishop of the old Nestorian faith, having authority as head of the Evangelical Catholic Church of England and certain parts of India. This movement in England may not at present obtain much headway, but seems particularly adapted to conditions in France and Italy, where Bishop Herford is seeking to establish missions. One of the requirements of membership in the Evangelical Catholic Church is the belief that "The land and all other means of producing and distributing wealth should be in the hands of the whole people, thus insuring a just distribution of work and wealth, from each according to his powers, to each according to his need." Bishop Herford was the first to pay his membership fee in the English Christian Socialist Fellowship.

Perhaps the most prominent Christian Socialist in England at the present time is Rev. Dr. R. J. Campbell, pastor of the famous City Temple, London, who is an ardent member of the Independent Labor Party, speaking frequently on the Socialist platforms, and often preaching S[illegible] to [illegible] large audience at the City Temple. [illegible]s the "Christian Commonwealth," [illegible] [illegible]d to Socialism. He is an able [illegible]

his beautiful, rambling old country homestead, built in the reign of George II, we talked frankly of the situation in England and of the Christian Socialist Fellowship. He pledged himself in the heartiest manner to the Fellowship work and will be one of the greatest influences for its advancement.

Rev. Will Reason of the Congregational church, secretary of the "Christian Social Brotherhood," an able worker for God and humanity, united with our Fellowship and was made secretary. A number of distinguished people said he was the best man we could have obtained for this important position.

Mr. Joseph Reeves, secretary of another organization called the "Brotherhood of Christian Socialists," has joined the Fellowship and is working for it with great enthusiasm. He is one of the most promising and consecrated young men I met in England, and will surely accomplish great good during his life.

It is confidently expected by these officials that both the "Christian Social Brotherhood" and the "Brotherhood of Christian Socialists" will come bodily into the Christian Socialist Fellowship in the near future.

My gratitude is also especially due to Rev. Dr. Clifford of the Baptist church, and to Rev. E. E. Swann, Rev. John A. Grant, Rev. E. G. Maxted and other priests of the Church of England for courtesies and help extended.

We may say that the Christian Socialist Fellowship is fairly launched in England, France and Switzerland, and has become truly international.

The Church Socialist League

One of the things that thrilled me most in England and gave me most encouragement concerning Christian Socialism there, is the "Church Socialist League," composed largely of priests of the High Church Party in the Church of England. It is a clear-cut, uncompromising, revolutionary, Socialist organization, and is probably doing more than any other influence in England to awaken interest in Socialism among religious men. Its official organ, the "Optimist," is a scholarly, stately quarterly, skilfully edited by Rev. S. Proudfoot. Rev. G. Algernon West is secretary of the League and Rev. Conrad Noel is organizer, engaged for over one hundred speeches in various churches this winter. These three comrades have each written me endorsing our Christian Socialist Fellowship and desiring to affiliate with it. Owing to the status of the Church of England it will be necessary to maintain the League for work within that church, to whose pulpits nonconformist ministers would not be admitted; but we greatly rejoice at the prospect of the League's general affiliation with the Christian Socialist Fellowship.

The League has done valiant service in getting Socialism into the churches and into the Convocations of the Church of England. It has held two inspiring Conferences and has succeeded in making Socialism a vital issue in the last two Conventions of the Church general.

Other Efforts in England

Rev. J. Bruce Wallace of Letchworth is doing a noble work for Socialism in his summer schools and in connection with the Alpha Union; Rev. Richard J. Evans and Thos. Barnett in London maintain a Brotherhood Church on Socialist lines; Rev. J. Stitt Wilson of America has been in England for several months, his second campaign there, doing valiant service for Socialism and religion, and many other ministers and churches in different parts of the country are doing nobly. Some of them maintaining Socialist schools where the children and youth come once a week to hear the message of economic salvation.

In the Quaker church the agitation also goes on. Their "Quarterly Examiner" recently contained articles by Arthur Priestman, Harold J. Morland and J. Theodore Harris teaching Socialism, which have been printed in a neat pamphlet entitled "Responsibility of the Society of Friends to the Social Problem," which may be obtained together with such other pamphlets as "Socialism [illegible]ally Christian Movement," from th [illegible] Society, London.

[illegible]e Christian Socialist Moveme [illegible]ost hopeful in the world.—

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How About It?

This Dec. 1 issue, containing so much information about Socialism and Religion in Europe, is one of the best propaganda numbers we ever put out. You can get bundles of ten or more at one cent a copy IF YOU ORDER BEFORE DEC. 8TH. Otherwise the forms will be torn up and it will be too late. Order hundreds, if possible. Order ten or more anyway. GET YOUR BRANCH TO ORDER A FEW HUNDRED.

Greeting from England

(Written for the Brotherhood of Christian Socialists (Camberwell Branch) to Fellow Christian Socialists of America.)

The Brotherhood in England greets you most cordially. May the spirit of true comradeship which animates all Socialists in their respective countries extend to other countries so that there shall be a universal brotherhood which shall have as its aim the emancipation of the whole human race. The Brotherhood extends to its fellow workers in America its sympathy and good will and hopes that success will attend its efforts in the overthrow of the present system of competition and the substitution of a system most in harmony with the spirit of Christ.

Fraternally yours,

Jos. Reeves, Hon. Sec.

How About Your State?

The Christian Socialist goes into every State of the United States, also into several provinces of Canada, and it has been suggested that there are Socialists in each State who would be glad to help pay for the Baptist special for the Baptist preachers in their State. This is an excellent idea.

There are about 1,000 Baptist preachers, on an average, in each of the Southern States and in each of the Northern from New York to Iowa inclusive. Can you send $10 to cover your State? If not, send what you can to put with what others will send.

We must get these papers to the Baptist preachers. And we will tell you a secret—we have printed enough to go around, 45,500 in all, and [illegible] we did it without the mon[illegible] you would send the m[illegible] send them out.

Will you do it? I[illegible] now.—E. E. C.

The Christian Socialist Fellowship

Prof. E. J. Ward Secretary, Rochester, N. Y.
Rev. William A. Ward, Treasurer, Henderson, Ky.
National Executive Committee of Fifty Members

The fact that no report from the secretary of the Fellowship appeared in the last issue is not to be taken as an indication that we have followed the example of the numerous panic-stricken industries all over the country and closed down. The contrary is true. All over the country the comrades are taking advantage of the awakening that is coming as a result of the panic. They are finding that the people who would not think of the unnecessary suffering and privation that is constantly caused by the present system, and would not listen to arguments for bringing in a better system,—because they themselves were then able to get along,—have now become conscious that something is radically wrong, when their own means of life are taken away or threatened, and are ready and willing to listen to an explanation of the difficulty and are eager for the good news of a remedy. Instead of shortening hours, the fellowship is working overtime and rapidly increasing its forces in its effort to supply a tremendous growing demand. An idea of its progress may be gained by a brief survey of the work being done in the various Fellowship Centers.

New York City

The last issue contained an account of the organization of the Center in New York from the pen of Comrade Weeks. No one who has not met with the comrades in New York City and felt their zeal and enthusiasm can realize the possibilities of that organization. No one who has not sat in one of the pews of the beautiful Church of the Ascension of Fifth avenue on a Sunday evening and listened to Comrade Alexander Irvine as he pours forth the Christian Message of Socialism can realize how great is the progress already made in the first city of America. If you live in or near New York send your name for enrollment to Miss Helen Phelps Stokes, Noroton, Conn., the secretary of the New York Center. DO IT NOW.

Boston

The last issue contained also an account of the great meeting addressed by Comrade Carr in Boston. But that article did not tell the fact that back of that meeting is a growing Center, with a local executive committee that is made up of some of the strongest men and women in all New England, who are steadily working in the wisest, surest ways to bring the Gospel of Socialism to the people in the churches of Boston. Comrade George Willis Cooke is the District Secretary for Massachusetts. His address is 25 Beacon street, Boston, and if you live in or near Boston, and will send your name for enrollment to him you will be taking your place in one of the few movements that is worthy of the sacred traditions of your home city.

Philadelphia

The third largest city in the country also has its company of truly patriotic, truly Christian, men and women who are carrying the good news into the churches and extending the circulation of the Christian Socialist, as well as holding propaganda meetings in their own Fellowship Centel. Comrade J. P. Brown is the man to write to or to see. His address is 1844 Leithgow street. Philadelphian, think of what your city stood for in that other Revolution. There is only one way of showing where you would have stood then; it is by showing where you stand now.

Denver

If there were in every community a man like Comrade Channes Varshag (622 High street, Denver), District Secretary of Colorado, the Christian Socialist would have 50,000 subscribers and be a weekly paper to-day. He and his co-workers there have communicated with every minister and church in Denver, and are rapidly pushing the propaganda in effective ways. Of [illegible] report from him is—progress. My room-[illegible] in college came from Denver. He was fond [illegible]ing about Denver. If that city [illegible]pens [illegible]r home, send in your name to [illegible] the greatest work [illegible] and so help to give Denver folks something worth while to boast about.

Buffalo

District Secretary H. C. Bangert (address 30 Clinton Market), reports that in spite of bad weather a dozen new members were added to the Fellowship Center at Comrade Carr's visit in Buffalo. He also reports that besides getting many subscriptions for the Christian Socialist, the comrades there have succeeded in doing a number of such fine things as getting the young men of the German Y. M. C. A. (a great organization in Buffalo), to take up the study of Prof. Rauschenbusch's "Christianity and the Social Crisis." Are you a Buffalo? If you are, Comrade Bangert wants your name.

San Diego

It is not only in the large cities that Centers are flourishing; the smaller cities and towns are also waking up. From Mrs. W. S. Deeds, 1909 India street, San Diego, Cal., comes the word that the forces of progress are gathering there, and a Center is about to be established.

Winston Salem

A Center has been established in Winston Salem, S. C. Comrade J. P. Taylor is District Secretary down there. If you are fortunate enough to live in his vicinity send him your name and show that you have the true interests of the South at heart.

Space forbids a lengthy report from more of the places where the comrades are at work. Suffice it to say that from every point come indications that as Comrade G. H. Poor, of Milwaukee, writes: "There are going to be 'things doing' in the next twelve months."

New District Secretary

Some thing more important than president's bear-chasing has happened recently in Louisiana. A District Secretary for that State has been appointed and installed. The man is Comrade S. A. Keep, of Jennings, La. He is one of the comrades whose hand I should like to grasp, for his letter of acceptance shows the right spirit, as he tells of plans to gather the forces and march to the relief of New Orleans. May the faith and the power that enabled Joan of Arc to raise the siege of the old Orleans be with him and his co-workers and enable them to rout an enemy worse than the British and to free the new.

Dear Comrades: The time for united effort everywhere is at hand. Never was there such eagerness for the message of Socialism in terms of Christianity as to-day—the harvest is white. If you live in a place where there is a branch of the Fellowship established send your name to the Secretary to-day (with a dollar or more to help pay the expenses of propaganda—if you can afford it) and offer yourself to help in this work. You are wanted whether you are a church member or a member of the Socialist Party or not, if you believe in the object of the Fellowship. If there is no branch established in your town, call together the comrades, organize and get busy. You have always meant to do something worth while, something to help—this is YOUR OPPORTUNITY. The disease of Capitalism is developing to its crisis at a frightful rate. It is no time for men and women who know of the one medicine that can cure the economic and industrial ills of society to dawdle. Within every Christian church the Spirit of the Great Physician calls to us to come and make the churches, in His name, the means of propagating His Gospel of Social Health, the means of preaching good tidings to the poor, of proclaiming release to the captives, of setting at liberty them that are bruised; of proclaiming the acceptable year of the Lord. If you do not realize that this is a critical time, then perhaps you may as well stay asleep, but if you are awake—COME. Your brother,

E. J. Ward.

Look at Your Name-Tag

Look at the address-tag on your paper and see if your subscription is about expired. If so, please send your renewal at once and save loss at both ends of the line. Thus you will save us the trouble and expense of sending [illegible] which cost a great deal in the agg[illegible] you will also save yourself the los[illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] Keep your s[illegible] [illegible]ll around[illegible]

Items From Everywhere

Edited by George H. Strobell.

The Diet of Finland at Helsingfors adopted unanimously, without a roll call, the alcohol bill, prohibiting the manufacture of alcohol in Finland and its importation into the country. As the measure affects Russia's tariff relations with foreign countries, it is not certain that the Emperor will sanction it.

In view of the passage of the bill, temperance celebrations are being held in every part of the country.

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News comes from Helsingfors, Finland, that the Legislature has enacted laws establishing the eight-hour day in all bakeshops and abolishing all night work. The Socialists are credited with having hammered the bills through. In Finland the workingmen and women know how to vote. They are not so puffed up with their ideas of "freedom" that they merely enjoy the shadow and none of the substance.

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Finland seems to occupy the center of the stage. Here is another item from "Labor:" The State Legislature of Finland passed the Bakers' Bill, which makes the eight-hour workday obligatory in all the bakeries throughout Finland. The same bill provides that night work in bakeshops be prohibited."

Where is the State Legislature in the United States of America that will follow the example of the Legislature of little Finland?

We must not overlook the fact, however, that there are 83 Socialists in the Finnish Parliament, nine of whom are working women. Get 83 Socialists and a dozen women into any American State Legislature and you will be in a position to make the same labor laws as your brothers and sisters in Finland.

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No less than six bills dealing with woman suffrage have been introduced in the Swedish Parliament, and will be considered this session. Meetings are being held throughout the country so as to instruct the people on the urgent necessity for reforms in the electorate. It is satisfactory to note that the Swedish press is on the side of the suffragists, and the papers are freely open to their propaganda.

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The New York Evening Post's correspondent in London confirms the reports that the trades unionists and working people generally are turning to Socialism in great streams. He says the Liberal party leaders are panic-stricken. They do not fear the possible triumph of the Tories nearly as much as they are alarmed at the universal showing of strength made by the Labor-Socialist combination. Everything portends a dissolution of Parliament next year, an appeal to the country, and a fierce three-cornered battle for the mastery.

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The German trade union movement is now the strongest in the world. It numbers in all its branches 2,300,000 members—more than they do in Great Britain, "the classic home of labor organizations." Evidently the people are looking alive in the Fatherland. But, like the writer of the article, what we are chiefly interested in is that part of the movement which is more especially associated with the Socialist movement. At the end of last year the trade unions connected with the great central organizations numbered 1,799,293 members, or an increase of 369,000 over the preceding years. The women in the movement numbered 132,821, as against 89,500 last year. The total receipts amounted to over £2,100,000, and the expenses to over £1,600,000. Strikes and lockouts cost about £950,000, while sickness and out-of-work pay only absorbed £350,000.

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No wonder the British Tory press was in a frenzy because Comrade Keir Hardie, of the British Parliament, visited India on his way around the world. Now it develops that Hardie's visit was productive of the formation of a Social-Democratic party in India. The Tory Press tried to make it appear that Hardie's mission was to stir up an insurrection. British rule in India means perpetual famine and the most unholy exploitation of the luckless natives, and naturally the Tories have bad consciences and the suspicions that usually accompany them. But the reality is worse than the thing their wild imaginings conjured up. An Indian Socialist party means more in the long run than an ill-starred insurrection.

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The Miners' Federation of Great Britain is considering the question of joining the Labor-Socialist alliance and increase its political activity. The proposition of instructing its members in Parliament to introduce a bill to socialize the land, mines and minerals is also up for consideration. The Federation has a membership of half a million, and if it decides to go into politics strong there will be a pretty big splash.

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Kenosha, Wis., Nov. 12.—Rev. Harvey Dee Brown, pastor of the First Baptist Church in this city, announced last night his conversion to Socialism and his retirement from the Baptist ministry. Dr. Brown was graduated from the University of Rochester fifteen [illegible] and later took his doctor's degree at Illi[illegible]

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with a reception which was attended by several hundred enthusiastic Comrades.

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What's the matter with the new State of Oklahoma? Official figures show that at the recent election the Socialists polled 9,000 votes. Pretty good for a beginning.

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Comrade Julia Dawson in her report of the International Congress, published in the London Clarion, says that the words sung by the opening chorus were: "Eine Feste Burg ist unser Gott" ("A mighty Fortress is our God"). Certain of our German New York Comrades deny this. There are quite a number of ideas in the German movement the New York Comrades are oblivious to.

Current Literature

Edited by Rufus W. Weeks

The most powerful writer of English in our time is, without doubt, Rudyard Kipling; and a pity it is that strength so great has been so medievally directed. To compare great things with small, he has been like our own Van Dyke; strenuous for the personal virtues, especially the virtue of work, but blank-minded towards matters which at present are weightier—such as social justice and social mercy. And so Kipling has been a blind Samson, toiling at the mill in the house of the rulers of this world; but I have a suspicion that at last he is feeling for the pillars of the Philistine palace; and how those pillars would rock if he once put to his strength!

This is a daring hope, very likely a mistaken hope; but to the willing ear there does seem to sound a new note in "The Sons of Martha"—an undertone which hints of a Kipling just awaking, though not yet aware.

THE SONG OF MARTHA.

BY RUDYARD KIPLING.

The Sons of Mary seldom bother, for they have inherited that good part,
But the Sons of Martha favor their mother of the careful soul and the troubled heart;
And because she lost her temper once, and because she was rude to the Lord her Guest,
Her Sons must wait upon Mary's Sons—world without end, reprieve or rest.

It is their care in all the ages to take the buffet and cushion the shock;
It is their care that the gear engages; it is their care that the switches lock;
It is their care that the wheels run truly; it is their care to embark and entrain,
Tally, transport, and deliver duly the Sons of Mary by land and main.

They say to the mountains, "Be ye removed!" They say to the lesser floods, "Run dry!"
Under their rods are the rocks reproved—they are not afraid of that which is high.
Then do the hilltops shake to the summit; then is the bed of the deep laid bare
That the Sons of Mary may overcome it, pleasantly sleeping and unaware.

They finger Death at their glove's end when they piece and repiece the living wires;
Death rears against the gates they tend; they feed him hungry behind their fires.
Early at dawn ere men see clear they stumble into his terrible stall,
And hale him forth like a haltered steer, and goad and turn him till evenfall.

To these from birth is Belief forbidden; from these till death is relief afar—
They are concerned with matters hidden—under the earth-line their altars are.
The secret fountains to follow up, waters withdrawn to restore to the mouth—
Yea, and gather the floods as in a cup, and pour them again at a city's drouth.

They do not preach that their God will rouse them a little before the nuts work loose;
They do not teach that His pity allows them to leave their work whenever they choose.
As in the thronged and the lightened ways, so in the dark and the desert they stand,
Wary and watchful all their days, that their brethren's days may be long in the land.

Lift ye the stone, or cleave the wood, to make a path more fair or flat——
Lo! it is black already with blood some Son of Martha spilled for that;
Not as a ladder from Earth to Heaven, not as an altar to any creed,
But simple service simply given to his own kind in their common need.

And the Sons of Mary smile and are blessed—they know the angels are on their side,
They know in them is the Grace confessed, a[illegible] them are the Mercies multiplied.
They [illegible] at the Feet and hear the Word—[illegible] how truly the Promise runs.
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Comrades of the Cross

Comrade Mary R. Sanford of New York sends us ten dollars for the special and also a number of other copies. This loyalty is greatly appreciated.

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Many of our loyal comrades have responded to the call for aid in getting the special well distributed. Space does not allow any more of the many good letters from them. But watch next issue

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Our noble Canada comrade, Francis Knott, has recently sent in another list of subs. for preachers. His zeal for the cause is great and his plan should be followed by scores of others.

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Mrs. S. F. J. Linn, an organiser of Florida, sent for ten copies per issue for one year, and a little later ordered sub. cards. We welcome this new worker to our ranks and expect much from her efforts for the Christian Socialist.

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Our dear old Comrade of the Cross, a minister in his eighties, but a youth in his zeal for Socialism, Rev. Geo. Candee, of Ohio, sends two dollars and a list of names to whom he wants the Baptist Special sent. He writes: "The paper—this edition in particular—is very, *very*, VERY good."

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"Your appeal for funds with which to send the Baptist special to the Baptist preachers strikes a responsive chord in my heart and pocketbook, and I enclose herewith money order for five dollars for that fund and ten cents additional for a bundle of the same to me." This is one of the kind responses that have come to us from comrades who sent in money for the Baptist special.

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In sending for a bundle of the Christian Socialist to distribute among his friends, Comrade Davis of Pennsylvania, who very often sends us subs. and in every way helps to spread the Christian Socialist, adds: "I firmly believe your paper is the best religious paper published in America. I love it because it advocates the principles that I love. I hope that it may soon become a weekly."

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Comrade Cannon of Pennsylvania sends us fifty cents and the following letter: "Please send the Christian Socialist to Tom Glennan. He stopped one of the comrades on the street in Allegheny and asked him where he could get the Christian Socialist. 'Give me your fifty cents and your address,' says he, 'and I will see that you get it.' So here is postal order for same."

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W. H. Sergeant, our very able Comrade of the Cross of New Jersey, writes: "We have a bundle of seventy-five of the Baptist edition ready to give out at the men's meeting to-night at the Central Presbyterian Church, also some of Comrade Strobell's Christian Views of Socialism." We hope our comrades everywhere will be awake to their opportunities to do good propaganda work with the Christian Socialist. Keep posted as to all meetings in the churches. Our opportunity is greater than ever before. We must not fail to make the very most of it. The coming panic should stir us to greater sacrifices for the cause than ever before that we may hasten the coming of Socialism which means peace and joy and freedom to over-burdened, wronged and suffering humanity. How our hearts bleed as we realize how many of our brothers and sisters must suffer untold wrongs ere their chains are broken and we wish we had a thousand lives to give to this mighty cause. To suffer and sacrifice now for humanity is the greatest thing any one can do. Who is looking for honor or reward in days such as these? It is a great thing to live and sacrifice and die if need be for the joy that will come to the race in the near future.

Do Not Miss It

Comrades, THERE IS NO ONE BUT YOU to see that every good Baptist in your vicinity gets a copy of the Baptist special. It will do the Baptists more good than anything else you could furnish them at *one cent apiece*. GET BUSY NOW and send for a bundle of ten or an hundred copies for careful distribution.

Also remember that THERE IS NO ONE BUT YOU to pay for sending a copy of this splendid special to every Baptist preacher in America. There are 34,000 of them. Think what a vast good to reach each one with a copy of the Christian Socialist. IT MUST BE DONE. We have their names, but we have not the money. Please send us all you can and SEND IT NOW.

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Comrade Carr in Boston

(We print the following belated comment on Comrade Carr's address before the Boston Methodist Preachers' Meeting because we wish to impress comrades everywhere with the desirability of arranging for lectures and addresses by Comrade Carr at ministers' meetings, associations, synods and conferences. A little courageous effort on the part of the comrades will open multitudes of such grand opportunities for him.)

On Monday forenoon at the Methodist Ministers' meeting in Boston I heard Comrade Carr. And I came from that meeting convinced and gratified. Then I understood why there has been so much enthusiasm when Carr has spoken. He has great powers, deep and persuasive feeling, and a convincing manner. His address was strong from an intellectual point of view, fitted to the audience, and persuasive in its style. He has to a large degree what is called magnetism. To my own way of thinking the essence of "magnetism" is profound feeling, and he has it. He does not talk merely from the intellect, but he means what he says and makes others feel its depth and worth. In a word, he has the gift of convincing you, of carrying you with him, of making you morally and spiritually of his own mind, at least for the time.

Carr has what I believe is greatly needed in the Socialist movement—MORAL EARNESTNESS. He has also spiritual vision. While he fully recognizes the economic problem and its vast appeal, he also sees its larger meanings, and its relations to the social and ethical needs of life. In that fact, it seems to me, is a large measure of his success as a preacher of Socialism.

No doubt of it, Comrade Carr is a born preacher. He is of all the men I know the one best fitted to carry the great message of Socialism to the churches. I could see and feel how he took hold of the men at the Monday gathering I have mentioned. He did not turn all those present into class-conscious Socialists; but he did persuade nearly all of the high moral earnestness and the great enduring message of hope and promise Socialism carries to those whose minds are open to receive it. He left a deep and enduring impression. He stirred those preachers as is not often the case even with them. Such preaching will bear rich fruit.

I am persuaded that Carr is doing a great work. He ought to be amply sustained. Oh, that he may be able to carry the rich message of Socialism to all the churches of America! The time is greatly ready for the mighty word he has to speak.

George Willis Cooke.

Baptists Discuss Wage-earners

The Baptist Congress held November 12-24 at Baltimore discussed several live questions, among which was "How Shall the Church Win the Wage-Earner?"

Rev. Dr. Sagebeer of Philadelphia said: *"The church is not living up to its own faith. It is not practicing Christianity in industrial relations."*

Rev. Dr. Holyyoke of Providence declared: "The church must seek to win the wage earner by ceasing to set him off as an inferior caste; it must seek him as a man. Relieving his poverty, it must recognize that *there is no inherent reason why he should always remain poor. Social distinctions must be not simply waived but transformed.* The church must enlarge its humanitarian work, must champion the cause of labor in its fight against child labor and other industrial evils. Wage earners can be won and are being won by the church. It is perhaps harder to hold them than to win them; for whereas they can be won by the Christian appeal to what is best in them, they drift away when they discover that the church is not setting forth in character the fundamental truths of its religion."

Can You Do It?

This paper was late last issue partly on account of extra printing on the Baptist edition and partly on account of delayed copy. And the appetite of some of our readers could hardly wait. Some wrote asking if anything had happened to suspend the paper.

No, the Christian So[illegible] until some of its suppo[illegible] ly helpless. And if it [illegible] start again, if I liv[illegible] suspension, especially if you do half your part in getting subscribers or sending money.

The paper is not nearly self-supporting yet—few of our Socialist, or even Church papers are. But why should not comrades WHO MEAN BUSINESS FOR SOCIALISM send us $1, $10, $100 per month, or at least what they can afford occasionally, and support this paper in its grand work, just as they would support a church, a missionary society or a lodge? God knows the editors are sacrificing enough to justify them in asking for help.

We need $200 now to meet printing bills and we need it badly. We also need thousands of dollars to send sample copies to hundreds of thousands of people who would like to see the paper, many of whom would subscribe if they knew of it.

Some are doing nobly. Can't you do something of this kind and do it now?—E. E. C.

Never Mind Charley Schwab

Mrs. Sarah Platt Decker, of Denver, President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, made a new departure in her address the other day before the New Jersey State Federation, in Newark. She took up the hitherto forbidden subject of woman suffrage, and declared that the next step will be to put the mother element into the national life.

"You may say there is a distinctive place for men and a place for women. So there is, but there is a far larger place where they must stand hand in hand. In Colorado there is now a toast, 'Woman, once our superior, now our equal.' Instead of thinking that ridiculous, I consider it the dearest toast there is. We never asked to be the superiors of men; we are partners and coworkers."

Mrs. Decker addressed her next remarks to the men in the audience, saying: "Some of you gentlemen may feel a little doubtful. There is a gentleman who told your State Federation that we should not leave our 'own sacred precinct.' Our precinct has moved away. While the precinct of Mr. Cleveland's mother may have been to make her own butter and cheese and to do all her own spinning and weaving, these 'sacred precincts' have now gone to the dairy, the packing house and the factory. They have not gone in a stagecoach, either, but in an automobile, and instead of woman sitting at home at her own fireside, as Mr. Schwab has said she should do, it behooves her to go out and see what the 'sacred precincts' are doing."

"All women have not firesides, we would tell Mr. Schwab. They do not grow on trees. There are 50,000 women now in New York who are supporting their husbands."

Regarding women's duty as mothers, Mrs. Decker said she had read in a reliable newspaper that "the government never spent a dollar upon child-labor questions, but it had spent thousands on huckleberries, how to feed rice to pigs, and questions of agriculture." Mrs. Decker declared there was a bureau for the protection and care of children with not a woman in it, so that even that care was being taken out of women's hands.

Mrs. Decker expressed a wish that there might be some men as members of women's clubs, since the work was getting more and more co-educational, and she asked that the States walk shoulder to shoulder in the great march with the General Federation, in the upbuilding of the nation. The Newark News says "Mrs. Decker carried her audience with her."

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Errors in Print

The mystery of perfect proofreading has been solved by very few. The more we try to get our proofs absolutely correct the more superstitious we become as to the strange manner in which errors creep in. Last issue contained egregious mistakes, not all of which are mentioned here.

Comrade Weeks was made to call his friend a "find"; but a real friend is indeed a rare *find*. Mr. Carr was made to say "job" for joy; but it would be a great joy to many unfortunate Americans just now to have a good *job*.

We do hope that the Southern paper, "American Manhood," will not send us an infernal machine for calling it a *weakly*. If American manhood in general were not so weakly conditions in this country would be very soon vastly improved. And we hope that the *weekly* "American Manhood" at Texarkana will grow stronger and stronger continually.

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